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THE minority report on the furniture investigation was fair, frank and sustained by the evidence.

WILLIAM A. SPRINGER knows an opportunity when he sees it, and knows enough to embrace it when it comes into sight.

Now watch the St. Louis Republic singe the cuticle of the sturdy form of Farmer Hatch for voting for Crisp instend of Mills.

COLONEL BLACKBURN of Kentucky was for Crisp and Colonel Carlisle for Mills. Once again the former colonel pulls under the wire a neck ahead of his eminent rival.

THE savage, sardonic smile which wreathes the face of David Bennett Hill of New York is ominous. He unhorsed the Stuffed Prophet at the very opening of the tournament.

AT THE final round up Colonel Springer was well seated in the saddle with the lariat around the neck of the Texas steer and the bulk of the herd safe in Colonel Crisp's corral.

ROGER Q. MILLS will now devote himself to the task of electing a legislature in Texas which will elevate him to a seat in the United States senate, provided he manages to get control of his temper in time to set up the underpin-

CHURCH HOWE is probably home by this time, and now people are wondering to whom the new Washington correspondent of an Omaha newspaper can turn for fascinating but unreliable gossip about Nebraska people temporarily sojourning at the capitol.

REPUBLICAN congressmen all hoped for the success of Mills. They like Crisp a great beal better than the Texas statesman personally, but the amusement they had promised themselves with Mills as speaker led them to unanimously favor him for that position.

WILKINSON CALL of Florida will probably be given his seat in the senate in spite of the contest. His old time colleagues will accept the excessive mortification this inflicts upon them as a sort of penance necessary to proper discipline. Call is certainly the most tiresome and persistent talker in the senate now that Blair's speech has passed into history with its author.

SHOULD Diffenbacher get a chance to open the exercises of the house during his sojourn in Washington this winter we may confidently anticipate a prayer whose sensational features will partake of the picturesque character of Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" and the erratic whizz of a western cyclone. Diffenbacher will make the best possible use of his opportunity if it offers itself.

MAYOR CUSHING is expected to be at his post during the remainder of his term of office. His presence there is needed to protect the taxpayers from imposition. The retiring council has notmerited the confidence of the people and there is little probability that it will reform in its dying hours. We are pleased to note that the mayor will remain in the city until his successor is installed.

THE death of Judge Rufus P. Ranney, which occurred at Cleveland Sunday, has removed one of the most distinguished lawyers this country has ever produced. As a great constitutional jurist Judge Ranney ranked with Allan G. Thurman and George P. Edmunds. He was the Nestor of the Cleveland bar and participated in nearly all the really great law suits that have been tried in Ohio within the past twenty-five years. Judge Ranney was at one time a law partner of Ben Wade, and ranked with him in ability while he was yet a young man. He was acknowledged to be the ablest member of the convention which framed the present constitution of Ohio. As a member of the supreme bench of that state, which he filled for one term, his opinions have been regarded as landmarks of the jurisprudence of the country. Upon the advent of Grover Cleveland it is said that he was tendered a cabinet position, which he declined.

WHAT IT MEANS.

speaker of the house of representatives means several things. It means, for one thing, that Mr. Grover Cleveland is not so potential a force in the democratic party as he has been commonly believed to be. It was made evident almost from the beginning of the strongly desired the success of Mr. Mills, the ex-president and his friends felt that contingent upon the success of the Texas congressman. Mills represents the Cleveland idea of tariff reform. There has been a hearty sympathy between ressage to congress in 1887, and it has been the wish and the purpose of both ex-president is in this issue, and the political fortunes of Mr. Mills are also bound up in it, so that when the former advised that silver be relegated to the rear the latter readily acquiesced. Thus while Mr. Cleveland was careful to apspeakership contest, the alliance between himself and Mr. Mills was fully understood, the zealous work of his confidential friends in behalf of the Texas | able than Governor Boies of Iowa. congressman being sufficient to remove all doubt as to the relation he bore to the contest. Senator Vilas and Don Dickinson, who were members of the Cleveland cabinet, labored most assiduously for Mills, and there were other close friends of the ex-president who were active in Washington during the entire contest. It was equally plain that among those whose influence was exerted for Crisp were David Bennett Hill and Senator Gorman of Maryland, both presidential possibilities and both hostile to Mr. Cleveland. In short, it was a square battle between the Cleveland and anti-Cleveland elements, and the latter won. The result may not be absolutely disastrous to the political hopes of the expresident, but it is manifestly a severe blow to his leadership, and reduces his chances of being again the candidate of his party. It may be remarked as a significant fact that half of the democratic representa-

influence of Tammany. Another thing which the result of the speakership contest means is that the free trade element in the democratic party will not dictate the policy of the house. Mr. Crisp is in favor of tariff reform as he declared in his speech to the caucus after his selection, but his record in congress attests that the reform he ad vocates goes to no such extreme as that demanded by Mr. Mills and his followers. He represents the conservative element of the party, and it is not to be doubted that this will appear when he makes up the committee on ways and

tives from New York voted for Crisp,

including those who are under the direct

Still another meaning of the result is that the silver question will not be ignored or allowed to take a secondary position. Mr Crisp did not refer to this subject in his caucus speech, but his position is unquestionable that his victory is due in part to this fact. He may be expected to constitute the coinage committee with reference to bringing in a measure for the free coinage of silver, and such a bill the house will pass.

The election of Mr. Crisp seems, then, likely to materially strengthen the element opposed to Mr. Cleveland, to assure efforts for a reform of the tariff on conservative lines, and to promise that the democratic party, by the action of its representatives in congress, will be committed to the free coinage of silver and forced to declare for that policy in its next national platform.

A WESTERN CANDIDATE PROBABLE An eastern contemporary, after a careful review of the democratic situation, says: "The conclusion of the whole matter is that, as things look now, the democratic candidate will hall from the west. This view appears more plausible since the result of the speakership contest than before. It is now plain that Mr. Cleveland's power in his party has been overrated, and this being demonstrated his influence is very certain to experience a further decline. The evidence is conclusive that he is not so strong in New York as Governor Hill, and there is Lardly a possibility that he will gain the ascendancy between now and the meeting of the national convention. On the contrary it is strongly probable that he will lose ground there. Certainly his enemies will make the most of the advantage they have got, and as they have all the political machinery in their hands there is every reason to expect that they will be able to weaken the Cleveland support. Hill and Tammany are implacable foes and they are in a position to make their hostility effective. If Mr. Cieveland cannot get a united delegation from New York in the national convention, and all signs indicate that he will not be able to do so, it is more than likely that he will lose the nomina-

As to Governor Hill, it would seem that under no circumstances would the democratic party make him its standard bearer; conceding that he might carry New York, though that would be by no means certain, there is not another doubtful state that would give him its vote. He is not particularly popular even in the south, and he would fall far short of commanding the strength of the democracy in the west. The qualities that have made Hill a successful politician in New York are not regarded with equal favor elsewhere. Is there a possibility of the factions in New York uniting on Mr. Roswell P. Flower? Shrewd observers think this may be done, but if it should be, what plausible claim of avail ability could be made in behalf of that amiable gentleman, except the fact that his money would be useful? Cleverness and good nature, even when united with wealth, are not qualities which alone commend a man as a suitable candidate for president of the United States. Senator Gorman of Maryland has been talked of as a possibility, but he

The election of Hon. Charles F. Crisp never been seriously thought of except

by his home admirers. It may be safely predicted that if New York cannot have the candidate she will dictate the man, and the necessspeakership contest that Mr. Cleveland | ity of nominating a candidate entirely acceptable to the democracy of the and it has been latterly understood that | Empire state will be easily impressed upon the convention. In his chance of securing the nomination | such case, who is more likely to meet for the presidency next year was largely | the requirements than Governor Boies of Iowa? He has the prestige of two consecutive victories, his democracy is entirely sound, and in ability he is the peer at least of most of the men who them with respect to this question ever | have been named as possible candidates. since Mr. Cleveland sent his memorable | Governor Boles has in his public career done nothing, since he became a democrat, to offend any element of to keep the tariff to the front as an issue. his party, and what he said All the political capital possessed by the or did as a republican doubtless would not be remembered against him. His name might not create quite so much enthusiasm in certain parts of the country as that of some others would, but it would grow in regard as his qualifications became better known. pear to take no personal interest in the It really appears that the democratic party will have to take a western man for its standard bearer in 1892, and in that case it will find no one more avail

What if any steps are being taken to ecure direct railroad connection with Yankton and the great grain and cattle

region of South Dakota? That country is naturally tributary to this city and should by all means be annexed to our jobbing trade and manufacturers' territory. The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company could give us access to Yankton and South Dakota by closing the gap of only twenty-five miles between Hartington and Yankton. But the policy of that company has been adverse to giving Omaha the benefit of her tributary territory even in northern Nebraska and there is apparently no disposition on the part of the owners of that system to abandon that policy. While we do not believe in building needless roads or parallel lines where existing roads are already willing and able to carry the traffic, we regard it now as imperative that Omaha shall have direct connection on this side of the Missouri with South Dakota, through that portion of northern Nebraska that has been alienated and cut off from commercial relations with Omaha for the want of railway facilities.

Our jobbers, packers and grain dealers will, if such a road is built, find South Dakota a most profitable field to work and the people of South Dakota are anxious to come to Omaha to trade if they are only given an opportunity to do so by a direct railroad operated in the interest of Omaha instead of Duluth. Minneapolis and Chicago.

THE Kansas City Journal has evolved what is by no means an original idea to check undesirable immigration to this country. This is nothing more nor less than a proposition to amend our immigration laws so as to require an educational qualification from every not in doubt. He is in favor of the free | immigrant that lands on our shores. The and unlimited coinage of silver, and it is | question is, what shall this educational qualification comprise? Shall every man, woman and child be required to read and write the English language correctly before they are to be permitted to land or are they simply to be capable of reading and writing the language of the country whence they come? If an elementary education in English is proposed some of the most desirable immigrants from the European continent would be excluded and for that matter a good many honest and hardworking people from Great Britain might not pass muster. If, however, the educational qualification is to mean the reading and writing of the language of their native country the restriction will hardly amount to anything. The bulk of the foreign immigrants that come to America are born in countries where learning to read and write is compulsory. The percentage of illiteracy among this class is no greater than it is among the natives, white and black, of most of our southern states

OMAHA has the largest number of overhead wires of any city in America, including Chicago, Philadelphia and New York. These overhead wires are not only unsightly but positively dangerous, especially in case of an extensive conflagration. Our thoroughfares are a perfect forest of poles, guy stakes and cables. Hundreds of poles that now disfigure and obstruct the streets can be dispensed with if the telegraph and telephone companies were compelled to bunch their wires on one set of poles. They should at any rate be made to vacate the principal thoroughfares or have their wires placed underground as they have been in other large cities.

THE owners of the Sulphur Springs property decline to sell it or give it away for park purposes. They regard it as business property. If they are sincere why have they not improved this property long ago instead of waiting for somebody to put millions in their pockets without any exertion on their part either to utilize the springs, beautify the grove or doing any other thing toward exhibiting by their public enterprise that they are willing to back up their faith in Omsha's future by works that speak louder than words.

Now that the city engineer has turned over the plats of all the railroad grounds within the city outside of the right-of-way the city clerk should proceed without delay to have these lots listed for taxation as the charter provides. If these lots are assessed at anything like their value relative to other property there will be at least from half a million to a million dollars added to

the tax list. THE committee of the Board of Education to whom was referred the proposition of the Thomson-Houston Electric Light company to furnish power for the manual training school, will be wise if it gives the subject very careful consideration. The committee should take

is too far south. Governor Pattison of time enough to inquire into the cost of mometer has to have a certificate showing Pennsylvania has apparently been similar power elsewhere as well as the dropped out of consideration, and Gov- merits of the scheme itself before acernor Russell of Massachusetts has cepting what upon its face appears to be a most advantageous offer.

> THE judgismend clerks of election have not yet been paid. Their greed for extra remujeration has thus far deprived them of pay altogther. If they were wise they would take the \$6 contemplated by law and end the contro-

> THE present Board of Education will retire from business after the next meeting. Nevertheless it has hired an attorney for its successor. Possibly if somebody were to urge the matter this board would also elect a president for the next THE Hitchcock school site must have

been selected with an eye to the dim and

distant future. It is certainly far enough

away from sidewalks, improved streets and population to be properly called a sanguine anticipation. THE Fifth Ward Kickers' club will devote the next meeting to the subject of municipal taxes. Now let similar clubs be organized all over the city for the same purpose. The public should be

educated upon this topic. OMAHA needs at least two more extensive wholesale dry goods houses. The Board of Trade might interest some of the eastern dry goods princes in establishing them.

Nice Advertisement for Omaha.

Clau Center Gazette-Democrat, The average Omaha councilman is better adapted to the position of a pugilist than that of a public official.

> A Dynamite Moral. Chicago Post

If a wild eyed man walks into your office and demands \$1,500,000, just reach down into your vest pocket and hand it to him. It is always the easiest way. Admirers Multiplying.

New York Recorder.
Costa Rica is the latest of the South American countries to send her card with a request for a seat at the reciprocity table. Mr. Blaine will soon have a great international family around nim.

A National Benefactor. New York Recorder.

Protection, by developing new industries natural to the land, makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before. It preserves for our country the profits of the fertility of the land and of its mineral richness.

What's the Matter with "Comrades"!

Chinago News. An American national hymn is certainly a desideratum. It would not detract from the respect freely accorded to "Yankee Doodle" and the other patriotic lingles of today to adopt a national hymn that would be worthy of the republic.

When the Fun Begins. Globe-Democraf.

The fun will begin in the house the first time that Tom Reed takes the floor for the purpose of getting even with one of the democratic brackguards who insulted him when he was speaker, and could not properly defend nimself.

Keep the People Stirred Up.

Grand Island Independent, In some enterprises quiet work is all very well, but it is not so with World's fair work. With that sort of an enterprise some noise is necessary. The people must be kept both informed and interested, and this can not be done in a quiet way.

Coming Back in the Spring.

Tor Bee notes that Nebraska money is going out of the state at a frightful rate to sav off farm mortgage indebtedness. Yes, that's so. And next spring and summer it will be coming back at the same frightal rate to loan out again at lower rates of interest

Should Have Been Thankful. Nebraska City Press.

The federal grand jurors voted Hon. Frank P. Ireland a vote of thanks at the close of their business in Omaha. The papers don't say anything about it, but it is just possible that the railroads have passed similar resolutions for the whole jury.

It Will Pay Big.

If Nebraska does her duty at the Columbian exposition she will show up as the best agricultural state in the union. This will increase the demand for Nebraska farms and they will all rise in value. A few cents per acre rightly applied would make a fine exhibit and would almost pay dollars for cents.

> Government Telegraphy. Sal Lake Tribung

Editor Rosewater of The OMARA BEE is an enthusiast on the question of the government owning the telegraph. He thinks the gov ernment should own and operate not only all the telegraphs in the country, but all the long-distance telephones, and in large cities should supplement this with the pneumatic tubes for delivering mail quickly. And he has a right, probably a better right than any one else, to speak as to the merits of the question for he is an old telegraph operator himself, and in his early career was so situated and saw things carried on through the private ownership of the telegraph lines, that he has ever since declared that it is an agent that ought to be taken from the hands of private citizens and owned exclusively by the government. 10

OIL INSPECTION FLASHES.

Pierce County Gall: THE OMAHA BEE is showing up the Standard Oil company of this state in good shape. Campbell Press; THE OMAHA BEE is giving the oil inspectors a thorough going over,

and exposing the fraud in good shape. Schuyler Quill? THE OMAHA BER is doing good work in stirging up the oil monopoly in its evading the coal oil law of Nebraska. The law itself is a farce, and yet the oil inspecting department is still poorer. On with the dance!

Fremont Herald's The monthly report of

t e oil inspection bureau shows that during the month of November the deputy of inspectors inspected 16,096 barrels of oil, the revenue from the same being \$1,609.60. They probably didn't actually inspect six barrels. Sioux City (Ia.) Journal: The Nebraska law for the inspection of illuminating oils cannot be changed too quickly. As it stands now it is of no earthly use. The object in providing an inspection, of course, is to se cure a safe oil for the use of the people and to brand the puckages so that both dealers and the general public might have a guarantee that the oil contained in them was not dangurous. But the inspector's brand in Nebraska affords no such guarantee. One trouble is that the test provided by the law is no test in fact. The official apparatus is practically worthless. Even the thermome

ters with which the test is made vary greatly

from one another, sometimes as much as 10 °

Under the lows law, for example, the ther-

MEANS CLEVELAND'S DEFEAT. that it has been tested in the United States treasury department, and the certificate has

used in Nebraska is unreliable. The tests

thus made by the deputies may be

of fact they frequently are that much wrong.

As a matter of fact, oits of the most danger-

thus enter freely into general consumption.

It is really worse than no official test at all,

als would make for themselves tests that

would be reliable. The official brand dis-

arms suspicion and apprehension. Nearly

all the other states now have inspection

laws which actually ascertain the quality of

the oil. Much of the oil that is rejected

under these tests can be shipped to Nebraska

and successfully pass its tests. The ten-

dency is to make Nebraska the dumping

ground for inferior oils. This tendency is the

stronger because South Dakota recently

adopted a stringent inspection, an inspection,

indeed, which, so far as the quality required,

is more stringent than there is any need of.

The only way for Nebraska to secure protec-

tion is to change its official test. It might be a

good plan for Nebraska simply to adopt the

Iowa inspection with a few improvements

Stuart Ledger: THE OMARA BEE mornts

the approval and gratitude of the entire state

of Nebraska for its investigation and subse-

quent exposure of the oil inspection farce of

spection force is inadequate and incompetent.

The flash test in this state being low, Ne-

braska has been a market for all the oil not

allowed to be sold in other states, and to

make matters worse, by having incompetent

and dishonest inspectors and untrue instru-

ments the Nebraska oil, as proven by THE

BEE, falls below the low test required by law.

reaching 1000 in a very few instances, and

in a number of instances falling below 900.

A reform cannot be inaugurated any too

Howells Journal: If the statements con-

tained in The OMAHA BEE are true, and we

have every reason to believe that they are,

the state inspector of oil and his deputies are

violating the law daily. According to the

statements made by THE BEE thousands of

barrels of oil are sold every year that are

never inspected. The inspectorship, as well

as the deputyships, are nothing more or less

St. Paul Republican: THE OMAHA BEE in

a number of articles has been showing up the

weakness of our present law in regard to in-

specting oils used for illuminating purposes. If

the statements are true it would appear that

the law benefits the Tank Line company

more than it protects the consumers of oil.

If anything that can be said will give us bet-

ter illuminating material, let it be kept up.

BEET SUGAR GRANULES.

convention, and it is to be hoped that Hast-

by at least four delegates. For the purpose

The convention will greatly enhance the in-

be a source of much valuable information.

As for us, we desire to be booked for a seat

Lincoln Journal: If intelligently developed

the best sugar industry will add half a mil-

iion people to the population of Nebraska be-

fore the close of the present decade. It goes

without saving, then, that it ought to be de-

veloped with all the vim that the people of

the state can show in the next two or three

years. The convention to be held in Lincoln

on the 17th can be made an effective start

MIDWEEK SMILES.

Rochester Post: It wasn't the bomb of Glicad that wrecked friend Sage's office.

Washington Star: Moses' reputation for meekness might have suffered if the prophet had had the chance to stand up before the

New York Press: "He knows nothing, you

say?" "Absolutely nothing. Why, man, he has such a poverty of mental resources that when a friend has a cold he cannot give him a sure cure for it."

He-Darling, you remind me of my bank ac-

count.

She—nestling up to him)—Why? Because you think so much of me?

He—No; because you are so petite.

A COY MAIDEN.

Merchant Traveler

Don' yo' came aneah me, 'Nless yo' want er biff

on de mouf
Knock you souf
'Hout er mite!
Don' yo' smile
Whon I say
'G'way!"

Whon I say
'G'way!"

Jonafan Whilfles Smif,
Coz I feels
Jes mad from head ter heels!
No such pusson sips
De honey from dease lips!
Stop yo' teasin'
And yo' squeezin';
G'way,
I say!

Texas Siftings: Mrs. Faurle — Johnny Cumso, aren't you afraid your face will get tanned if you don't wear your hat? Johnny— Nome. My face isn't where I usually get

Washington Star: "I do this with pardon-

able pried." said the man who was escaping from jail with a crowber.

Chicago Times: The street car furnishes the

only pintform upon which men of every shade of political belief will stand.

Pittsburg Dispatch: We are rocked when oung and clubbed when we grow old. 'Tis

Chleago Tribune: Buy your hollday presents early and your pocketbook will avoid the

Boston Transcript: When a handsome girl omes out, her papa has to come down hand-

A MOCKING MIMORY.

Belle Willey Gue.

The dimpled plain lay basking In the sunset's rosy sheen, Through all my conscious being There thrilled a beautoous dream.

It bounded with my heart-throbs, And, in the deepening quiet. A memory of the glorious past Through all my voins ran riot.

You came and stood beside me, I knew that it was you. And when you said "I love you." I thought your words were true.

And then you looked into my eyes And bent your head and kissed me,

You said that you were lonely And all your life had missed me.

I welcomed you in gladness And thought that I would rest Forever and forever

The dream departed with the day, Nor long the sunset tarried. That past is very far away. For you and I are married.

Upon your manly breast.

omely.

Ah!" Yap-Yup,

"G'way dah! Jonafan Whiffles Smif Yo' beah me.

toward securing magnificent results.

should not be neglected.

in the bald-headed row.

than fat places that are doled out to poli-

quick for the safety of those who use kero

ene oil as an illuminating fluid.

ticians in return for work done.

this state. It has demonstrated that the in

that ought to be made in it.

for in that case many dealers and individu-

ons character will pass the official test, and

or 30° wrong, and as a matter

to be renewed every year. It is almost impossible for such a ther-Victory of Spacker Crisp Indicates Demomometer to read wrong by more than the cratic Presidential Preference. smallest fraction of a degree. Then the cup

VIEWS OF PROMINENT POLITICIANS.

Hill's Fine Italian Hand Accomplished Mills' Downfall-It Was a Fight Between the New York Candidates.

CHICAGO, BUREAU OF THE BER, CHICAGO, III., Dec. S.

"The nomination of Crisp for the speaker ship by the democratic caucus means the nomination of Hill for the presidency by the democratic convention," said Judge Albion W. Tourgee, the well known author, political writer, and ex-politician at the Grand Pacific today, "Hill's nomination may be looked on as certain. He engineered Crisp's election, and by so doing has put almost the whole solid south at his back; nothing but unforeseen accidents can prevent Hill's nomination for the presidency. He is liked by many in the north, and his work for Crisp gives him the southern delegation. His attempt to steal the state of New York for his party also brings the south closer to him. It is the application of southern methods in northern politics and it pleases

Judge Tourgee also expressed the opinion that "Governor Hill is the greatest and ablest single hanged politician any party in this country ever had."

Mr. McShane Well Pleased. "I am well pleased with Mr. Crisp's nomi

nation," said ex-Congressman John A. Mc Shane of Omaha, "I know Mr. Crisp very well. He is a thorough parliamentarian, a good debater, familiar with the rules of the house, a perfect rules of the house, a perfect gentleman at all times and he will make an efficient presiding officer. In my opinion he is better fitted for the place than Mr. Mills Mr. Crisp's success will please many western democrats, although a considerable proper tion of the western congressmen voted for Mills. I cannot see that any particular significance attaches to Mr. Crisp's victory over Mr. Mills. I do not think it fore-shadows any disagreement in the party as to a tariff policy. Both Crisp and Mills are in favor of tariff reform and so is the democratic party. The choice of a speaker will not cause the party to recede from its posi-tion in favor of these principles."

Favored Social Reform

Oscar Weyranch, who has been arrested in New York on suspicion of belonging to a secret bomb-throwing organization, of which Sage's assailant was a member, was employed here by a book binding firm for about three years. He was very eccentric and held positive views in regard to social reform. He believed that he was the most unfortunate person in the world and that he was working hard to fill the purses of others. His central aim seemed to be to exist without laboring. At one time he thought that one large meal a day was sufficient for a man to live on and ne carried out the idea for about two weeks. but finally gave it up. He was a hard drinker and used to have a one gallon jug filled with gin quite frequently.

Will Increase the Facilities.

Passenger transportation within the city Hastings Nebraskan: There should be no limits is to be the subject of an exhaustive less than 1,000 delegates at the beet sugar investigation by the city council. Mayor Wasburne's message dealing with the quesings and Adams county will be represented tion of intramural transportation was re-ceived at last night's meeting of the counci of selecting these delegates a meeting should and all its suggestions adopted. The mayor called attention of the inability of the sur face roads to deal with the problem and sugbe called and the selections made as soon as possible. This is an important matter and gested the appointment of two aldermer from each division of the city to act in conjunction with a similar committee of repre-York Times: The beet sugar industry is sentative citizens and railroad officials in going to grow immensely in Nebraska, and a thorough investigation of the en-tire subject of railroad, transportation the convention at Lincoln will be a big one Alderman Roth asked the council to instruct the corporation counsel to draw or we are greatly mistaken. It certainly ought to enlist every citizen of the state, up an ordinance providing that the city of Chicago shall construct street car tracks at terest of our people in the industry, and will

the request of a specified number of property owners on streets over which street railway are to run. The suggestion was referred to the committee on judiciary. On motion of was ordered to give an opinion as to whether the privileges granted under the ordinance passed July 30, 1883, were not revokable under twenty years, according to section 14, article ii. of the constitution of Illinois. motion was passed and the counsel will prepare an opinion in accordance with the order. Ex-Alderman F. M. Chanman has a plan

which provides for an elevated road supported on iron posts creeted between the double tracks of the surface roads. Elec tricity is the motive power, and it is arranged to pass through a thoroughly insu-lated conduit to a dynamo underneath each car.

Odds and Ends.

There are other officials who entertain s belief that the Vanderbilt and Pennsylvania ines which are bitterly opposed to ment of commissions and will not allow their agents to receive them, have a scheme on foot to organize an agreement with two or three western roads and take their chances against roads that persist in keeping up the commission business. If such a combination should be made nothing could break it. The Vanderbilt and Pennsylvania carry 75 per cent of the travel both ways and no amount of argument can deprive them of it. Chicago grain brokers got a black eye in

the appellate court in the suit of Gertrude S. Talcott against the commission firm of Elder, McKinney & Applegate to secure the payment of margins for the purchase and sale of grain. Mrs. Talcott gave the brokers \$2,131 in cash and a note for \$2,000. She failed to pay the note and the brokers sued. Judgment was rendered in favor of the woman, however, on the ground that the transaction was gambling. Mrs. Talcott filed a bill to compel the defendants to return the cash she had given them and Judge Tuley gave her a decree. Judge Gary concurred. Carpenters, laborers and other working-

men are wanted at Jackson park. The manforce of 2,500 men the snow and cold weather of the last few days had driven away at least one-half. Superintendent Geraldine sent out sharp letters to contractors telling them that they must fill the places of all ab-sentres as fast as other men could be obtained. Anywhere from 300 to 500 carpen ters coming to the big gate at Jackson park omorrow, or any stormy morning nowadays can get work at good wages, provided they bring their tools along and are ready to begin

Representatives of certain business interests of Chicago which are being hampered and crippled by their inability to secure suf-ficient freight cars from various railroads threaten an investigation into the causes of the shortage of cars and the prosecution of those railway managers who they have created this shortage simply for speculative purposes.
It is announced that John L. Sullivan, the

champion pugilist, will play his next im-portant engagement at Dwight. This time Dr. Leslio C. Keeley will act as his manager. John L. will each morning bare his great arm and receive his injection of bichlorids of The movement for the pardon of Oscar

Neebe has assumed great proportions within a few days. It commenced in the trades unions and is spreading to all circles. said that 132 unions with a combined mem-bership of 217,000 are asking for Neebe's re-lease. The petition states all that Neebe was guilty of was presiding at the meeting of workingmen and organizing bakers and brewers of this city into unions. Preliminary steps have been taken in Hyde Park district for the formation of the first Blaine club in Chicago.

Daniel A. Walsh, retired contractor, living Daniel A. Waish, retired contractor, living at 2534 Fifth avenue was today made defendant in a breach of promise suit brought in the circuit court by Mrs. Caroline F. Otto, who demands \$75,000 as balm for a wounded heart, and disappointed hopes.

Mary Allen West, editor of the Union Signal, the official organ of the Woman's Christian Temperance union does not jook with an

tian Temperance union, does not look with an approving eye upon the course taken by Kansas women in first smashing sation and drug store windows and then asking the governor for blank pardons which they may nil out for themselves and use at their con-

Mayor Washburne, in an interview today, comes out strongly in favor of municipa

ownership of street railways.

Hon. James E. Boyd of Omaha was a witness and party to asult before Judge Kettlelle

today. His former firm, Boyd Bros., board of trade dealers, was garnisheed on an ac count of \$1,500.

Working for Wages.

Jean Aliefoli, the wealthy Frenchman whose mysterious disappearance the Paris journals have been printing columns about, has been found in Chicago. The man who for thirty years has done no heavier manual work than sign a check or a contract is now working as a model maker in the staff shop of the Plaster Decorative company at the World's fair grounds at \$3 a day, while his family live in elegant style at 36 Rue du Rois de Sicile, Paris, and his cousin Allioit, a capitalist, is sending him cablegrams asking him to return. Jean Alleioil was two mouths ago one of the best known building contractors of Paris.

When the exposition buildings were erected in ISSP Alleioli furnished all the ornamental work, the same in which he is now a laborer at Jackson park. Several of his relatives were very wealthy, and altogether Jean was

apparently well fixed. apparently well fixed.

In an interview he said: "I had to leave Paris to preserve my mental heaith. I was awarded the contract for building one of the big public schools now being creeted in Paris. In making my calculations I relied on the data given me by the architect. After getting under way I found he had made a mistake or misinformed me. I was losing 10,000 francs a day. I stood it as long as I could, but soon found myself giving way under the strain. I saw that nearly all my savings would be swallowed up in the defici on this big contract. I could have had all the money I wanted by appealing to my rich relatives, but I would not do this. I decided to abandon the whole pusiness, come to America while my mind was safe, and begin anew. My family is in good circumstances

and will not suffer by my failure.
"I did not tell my family of my intention because I knew they would not consent to my leaving Paris. I think I can soon get into business here and make another fortune.

Palace Stock Cars.

The use of private stock cars for the transportation of cattle is attracting a great deal of attention among railroad managers just at this time on account of the very large move ment of live stock to market, many of the roads being pushed to their atmost capacity to provide sufficient rolling stock for the transportation of cattle offered for shipment. The railroads have never been friendly to the use of private cars because of the mile-age they are compelled to pay the owner, but they have been compelled by compention and the demands of shippers to use them on a large and increasing extent. The railroad managers say the only real advantage of any patent cars over the ordinary car is that it gives the cattle an opportunity to rest, and this improvement is only valuable in case of a long haul. The Rock Island was probably the first of the western roads to accept the private cars and it now uses a large number. Its contract with the Burton company is said to have defeated the movement a year or two ago to reduce the mileage on these cars. The example set by the Rock Island road was soon followed by other western roads and the number of private cars rapidly increased and the number in use of various roads now exceeds 20,000. The increasing demand for improved cattle cars has turned the attention of allroads to the introduction of such cars into their own equipment. A decision rendered iast summer by Judge Gresnam in a suit for infringement brought by the American Live Stock, Meat and Transportation company against the Street Stable Car company, involving the use of troughs for feeding and watering cattle in transit, left the use of such devices unrestricted. Many of the roads are now introducing palace stock cars into their own equipment in order to escape the mile-age charges on private cars.

Exciting Tug of War.

The opening of the international tug of war tournament at Battery D, under the manage ment of Parson Davies and David Hender-son of the Chicago opera house, with Fred Pleffer as referee, occurred last night. The entertainment was well attended. France and Germany opened the tug. France won in fifty-four minutes. America defeated Bo-hemia in thirty-one minutes and England bested Italy in twenty-six minutes. Then Scotland and Ireland fought thirty-six minites amidst intense excitement. The anchor of the Irish team permitted the rope to slip on his belt, and before it could be adjusted the battle was lost to the Irishmen.

Western People in Chicago. The following western people are in the

At the Grand Pacific-L P. Best, Davenport, Ia.; John A. Weaver, Des Momes, Ia.; L. N. Kohn, A. L. Strong, Omaha, At the Palmer- N. T. Burroughs, Cherokee, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Waley, Ar-nold's Park, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. George Jos-lyn, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. May, Omaha; J. Mitchell, Vinton, Ia.; A. P. Bryant, Cedar

Radids, fa. At the Richelieu—General F. M. Drake, Centerville, Ia. At the Auditorium-Mrs. Jacob Rich, Miss Anna Campbell, R. A. Campbell, Dubuque, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hackworth, Ottumwa, Ia.; Mr. V. H. Stevens, Omaha; A.

B Cummins, Des Moines, Ia.
President Euclid Martin of the Omaha Board of Trade is here to arrange for a con-ference between Vice Presidents Newman and Harris of the Northwestern and the Burlington and the committee recently ap-pointed by the board with a view of securing a removal by these roads of the 5 cent bridge toll now charged on Omaha shipments into Iowa. Mr. Harris is at present in Denver. Mrs. E. O. Gibbs of Atlantic, Ia., is the guest of Mrs. Charles Roberts of Chicago.

Extensive Storm in the Northwest. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.-The storm yesterday extended over the entire northwest, from British Columbia to the California line and east to the mountains. On Puget sound the steamers were delayed by the heavy wind, but thus far no serious damage to shipping has been reported. In the Cascade mountains a heavy fall of snow is reported and trains are delayed several hours. Telegraph

wires suffered the most serious damage.

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